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SUBJECT: MARR, SP, PO

FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT TRANSCRIPT FROM SECRETARY'S  
FEBRUARY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE: QUOTE: QUESTION:  
MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE  
U.S. BASE AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL? ARE WE  
BEING ASKED TO VACATE TORREJON? AND HOW DO WE STAND  
WITH THE U.S. BASE IN THE AZORES?

ANSWER: WELL, THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONDUCTED, AS  
YOU KNOW, BY THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL  
LIAISON (AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY) WE HAVE NOT BEEN  
ASKED TO VACATE ANY OF THE SPANISH BASES. AND, THEREFORE,  
THIS REPORT SEEMS TO US AT LEAST PREMATURE. IN FACT,  
IT SEEMS TO US INACCURATE. THE DISCUSSION HAS CONCERNED  
MOSTLY WHAT SORT OF SECURITY ASSURANCES THE UNITED STATES  
MIGHT GIVE SPAIN IN RETURN FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ITS  
BASES IN SPAIN. WITH RESPECT TO THE AZORES, WE HAVE NOT  
BEEN ASKED TO VACATE THE BASE IN THE AZORES. THE AGREE-  
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MENT HAS NOT YET BEEN RENEWED, BUT UNDER THE AGREEMENT

WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR BASE THERE UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT  
HAS BEEN MADE OR IT IS CLEAR THAT NO AGREEMENT CAN BE MADE.  
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